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Lonnie Hogan
Uintah County Commission
147 East Main
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Dear Mr. Hogan:

Re: Public Notice to Owners of Record, Large Mine Notice of Intention, M/047/032, Asphalt Ridge Oil Sands Project, M/047/032, Uintah County, Utah

Pursuant to Rule 647-4-116 of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's Minerals Reclamation Program, you are hereby notified of the Division's intent to issue tentative approval for Buena Ventura Resources Corporation's large mining permit application for their Asphalt Ridge Oil Sands Project in Uintah County, Utah. This rule requires that all owners of record of the land affected be notified of said action. A copy of the public notice, that will be published in the local and Salt Lake area newspapers, is attached for your reference and information.

Anyone aggrieved by this tentative decision is hereby advised to file a written protest with this Division setting forth factual reasons why this proposed operation should not be approved. Written objections of substance, received by the Division during the public comment period, will be heard at a hearing before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining, in accordance with UCA §40-8-18.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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